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February 1, 2012

The Honorable Senator Robert Adley
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The Honorable Senator Jack Donahue
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The Honorable Representative Karen St. Germain
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The Honorable Representative Jim Fannin
House Appropriations Committee Chairman
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RE: Crescent City Connection Task Force and Advisory Panel Report Submission

Dear Senators and Representatives:

During the 2011 Regular session of the Louisiana Legislature, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 47 was passed, thereby creating the Task Force on the Crescent City Connection and the Crescent City Connection Advisory Panel. This regionally collaborative Task Force and Advisory Panel were charged with submitting its findings to the Joint Transportation Committee and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, in writing, no later than February 1, 2012. The Task Force is set to dissolve on March 1, 2012 if you plan to request their appearance.

This letter officially transmits the results of the hard work performed by the committee. In addition to the final report, I am also submitting, to the respective offices, CD's that include all of the official minutes of the meeting should there ever be any questions regarding the process and decisions made by this Task Force.

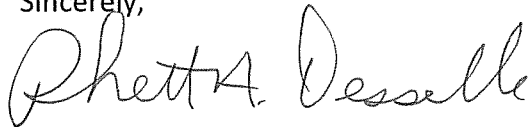
The Task Force struggled with understanding the parameters because of conflicting statements in the title and in the body of the resolution. As a result, the Task Force is submitting a report that details a majority and minority opinion as to its official recommendation.

It is important to note that the department did not participate in any votes that were taken. The Secretary was very clear in her directive to me as Chairman to provide factual information. The process was conducted such that all meetings were public meetings and several elected officials, experts, and other knowledgeable staff participated in the meetings.

In closing, I would ask that you join me in thanking and commending all of the members of the Task Force and Advisory Panel for their dedication and commitment. This was not an easy assignment, and each member made personal and professional sacrifices to participate in this important process. In my many years of public service, I don't think I have ever seen citizens engage in the democratic process on a public policy issue with the depth and consistency I have seen over the last several months.

Please feel free to call me at 225-379-1836 or my staff with any questions regarding the process. I will forward any and all content related questions and request to the members for a response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhett A. Desselle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rhett" being more prominent and the last name "Desselle" following in a similar style.

Rhett A. Desselle, P.E.
Assistant Secretary, Office of Operations
Chair, CCC Task Force/Advisory Panel

C: Ms. Sharon Lyles, Senate Transportation Attorney
Ms. Kimberly Callaway, House Transportation Attorney
Ms. Jessica Miller, Senate Finance Committee Secretary
Ms. Sherri Phillips-Hymel, JLCB Senate Director